GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procurement of paddy and wheat in Chhattisgarh by FCI during 2000-2001 till date;

(b) the number of new procurement centers set up after creation of the new State and the expenditure incurred thereon, location-wise;

(c) the surplus stock of foodgrains available in the State at present;

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated for procurement of foodgrains in the State of Chhattisgarh in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) A quantity of 5.13 Metric tonnes of paddy has been procured in Chhattishgarh during the Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001 by the State Agencies. There is no data of wheat procurement available forthe marketing season 2000-2001 as this season commenced on 1.4.2000 and procurement of wheat by the State of Madhya Pradesh ended on 30.6.2000 by which time the new State of Chhattishgarh had not come into existence.

(b) No new purchase centres have been set up.

(c) A quantity of 2 lakh MTs of wheat and 4.09 lakh MTs of rice (boiled) are available in the State at present as surplus stock.

(d) & (e) : The State Government has formulated levy rice policy for Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001.It is a voluntary scheme for the rice millers who can give upto 50% of their production of rice under the scheme.